

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
December 1, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following  
**Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Sherry Monesmith, Selena Vonderheide, Beth Seidl, Kyle Rupert and Darla Blazey. **Commission Members Absent:** Gary Moeller, Becky Hickman and Linda Kahle: **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack and Emily Colucci. **City Attorney:** Renee Kabrick **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Leann Burke and DC Free Press Editor Matt Crane. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Pat Thyen** moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Kyle Rupert** moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**Public Business**

None

**Old Business**

- Mike Jones asked Renee Kabrick to give an update on the Cultural Center project. She stated the City continues to work closely with the Library Board. She updated the Library Board that at some point the JCAC will ask the Common Council for funding for the Cultural Center. Investigation into how to manage this project is ongoing. This is a unique project with no similar projects to use as examples as to how to pull it all together. There is a meeting of the policy committee of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation on December 15. At that meeting a group from Jasper will have the opportunity to present the Cultural Center project for final approval; a confirmation of the earlier award letter that was received. The scope of the project is not changing; the footprint of the building might change from the renderings that were developed earlier. The Library Board feels for library uses only, new construction better suits their needs. Shared spaces can be repurposed. The JCAC is flexible to repurpose. Robin Norris asked to go on record as being in favor of repurposing. Renee stated that no one with the City has the expertise to know what can be reused at this point. Experts will need to make that determination.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- The budget is on track.
- Ticket sales are terrific. *Women of Ireland* is almost sold out.
- The Performing Arts Committee has met and has some performers lined up for the 2016/2017 season.
- A program analysis was distributed to the board as talking points on why we need to expand. Our services have increased and the expansion meets the demand.

**Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

- No contact has been made yet for analysis of LED vs. incandescent outdoor lighting. Timers and breakers have been worked on. Some lights are now back on and functioning.

- Doreen made a request to scrap 2 laptops. One is a 2001 and the other a 2006 model. Neither is being used. A new laptop has been purchased. **Darla Blazey** moved to scrap the 2 laptops. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

### **Education Report**

Kit reported for Donna.

- The November *Canvas and Cabernet* class was a success. The class was sold out with some new attendees this month.
- Maria Barbosa was here in November as a presenter with The Kennedy Center partnership. She provided workshops to teachers on creating books and incorporating this into the curriculum.
- Terrance Simien will be here in February to perform a public show and school shows.
- Another Kennedy Center presenter will be here in the spring for workshops with teachers.

### **Visual Arts Report**

Emily reported.

- The 3 Sculptors exhibit is over. It was very successful. Two of the artists offered workshops to JHS students. Each student took home a fiber piece made with wool they worked on and a ceramic tile piece.
- 4+1=9 exhibit is currently in the gallery. The judging will be December 2, and the awards will be presented at the December reception on Friday, December 4.
- The winter workshop schedule is almost complete and will be available soon.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Corina reported.

- Working on the December reception.
- A birthday party is scheduled for December 5.
- Chalk Walk planning will start in January.

### **Old Business**

- Selena Vonderheide reported *The Next Act* achieved its phase one goal. It hopes to close on the purchase of the Astra by the end of the week. The plan is to start on the phase two fund raising goal and work on a management agreement with the JCAC.
- Pat Thyen will attend the Common Council meeting this month which has been moved to December 22.

### **New Business**

- Mike asked for volunteers for a nominating committee for officers for 2016. Selena Vonderheide and Pat Thyen volunteered.
- Robin Norris stated this is her last meeting as a board member. Robin was thanked for her service.

### **Adjournment**

**Selena Vonderheide** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

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Mike Jones

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Attested